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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, a reply to which is due January 8, 2009, please consider the following remarks in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal. As this response is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Office Action, a reply by the Examiner within the shortened statutory reply period is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.